

# Seasonal Status for Gulls at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bonaparte's Gull	■			■		-		-		■		■
Heermann's Gull 3						-	■				-	
Mew Gull	■				-					-	■	
Ring-billed Gull 2						-						
California Gull	■					■						
Herring Gull	■			-						-	■	
Thayer's Gull	■			-	-						■	
Western Gull 1	■											
Glaucous winged Gull 1	■				-						■	
Glaucous Gull	-				-						-	
Sabine's Gull				■		-		■		-		
Black-legged Kittiwake 4	■				■		-		■		■	

Abundant    
  Common    
  Uncommon    
  Rare

## NOTES

- 1 From Mid-October through March the coast of Central California hosts hundreds to thousands of Western x Glaucous-winged Gull hybrids. These resemble Herring and Thayer's Gulls.
- 2 Ring-billed Gulls, abundant at estuaries along the coast, are surprisingly absent from pelagic waters such as those around Cordell Bank.
- 3 Heermann's Gulls are present in some years between November and January, but most years are absent during winters.
- 4 Black-legged Kittiwake populations vary greatly at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Some winters they are common, while other winters they are virtually absent.

Chart by Rich Stallcup